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Effective October 1, 2003, the Florida Legislature implemented a statewide product approval system. Given that on this date there were no products with the statewide product approval, most building inspection offices around the state (including those in Florida's Big Bend) have tried to introduce the new process gradually. The purpose of this announcement is to introduce the attached Product Approval Specification Sheet, created as a joint effort between the various building inspection offices in Florida's Big Bend, to be utilized as a plan review and inspection document by the following agencies:

City of Live Oak	Lake City	Leon County
City of Madison	Horse Shoe Beach	Madison County
City of Mayo	Dixie County	Swannee County
City of Newberry	Gadsden County	Taylor County
City of Perry	Hamilton County	Wakulla County
City of Quincy	Jefferson County	Florida A&M University
City of Tallahassee	Lafayette County	Florida State University

Over the past several months, there have been several thousand products submitted to the Florida Building Commission for statewide approval. It is our belief that by April 1, 2004, there will be a sufficient number of approved products to begin more comprehensively enforcing these new requirements. Thus, all applications for building permits received on or after April 1, 2004, must have Product Approval Specification Sheet, equivalent to the attached, completed at the time of permit application. An electronic copy can be obtained at <a href="https://www.tlcpermits.org">www.tlcpermits.org</a>

This public service announcement is being distributed by the membership of the Big Bend Chapter of the International Code Council / Building Officials Association of Florida (BBC-ICC/BOAF). Key objectives of the BB-ICC/BOAF are: to promote uniformity in building codes and their application and enforcement; to enhance local awareness of codes, and to promote interaction between private and public sectors of the construction industry. The association holds monthly meetings to discuss and educate the membership on current industry developments. Persons interested in participating in BBC-ICC/BOAF activities may do so by completing a membership application available at: www.boaf.net or contacting any member of our local building inspection offices.

Sincerely,

Tom Deckert, President